

HOUSE BILL 1010

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Finance* —

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and
4 Planning Board; providing for the membership, term of office, powers, duties, and
5 staffing of the Board; providing that a member of the Board may not receive
6 compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the
7 Board to submit an annual report to the Secretary of Transportation, the Governor,
8 and the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to ~~produce and submit to~~
9 ~~the Board for review and approval~~ *prepare a* certain ~~strategic~~ *comprehensive*
10 *multimodal transit development* plan and certain other plans and reports; requiring
11 the Board to keep certain records on a public Web site that allows for citizen review

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 and communication; requiring the Administration to establish the Citizens Advisory
 2 Council for the Maryland Transit Administration, the MARC Riders Advisory
 3 Council for the Maryland Transit Administration, and the Accessible Transportation
 4 Advisory Council for the Maryland Transit Administration; providing for the
 5 membership, term of office, powers, and duties of the ~~Council~~ respective Councils;
 6 providing that a member of ~~the a~~ a Council may not receive compensation, but is
 7 entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Administration to
 8 submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a
 9 certain date each year; declaring a certain intent of the General Assembly relating to
 10 the appointment of certain members to certain councils established under this Act;
 11 requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a certain review and make
 12 certain recommendations on or before a certain date; applying certain requirements
 13 in certain provisions of law to a certain review; providing for the termination of this
 14 Act; defining a certain term certain terms; making a stylistic change; and generally
 15 relating to the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 17 Article – Transportation
 18 Section ~~7-203 and~~ 7-204(q)
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
 20 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
 22 Article – Transportation
 23 Section 7-204(q), 7-205, ~~and 7-213~~ 7-213, 7-214, and 7-215, and 7-216
 24 Annotated Code of Maryland
 25 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

28 Article – Transportation

29 ~~7-203.~~

30 ~~(a) The exercise of the powers and duties of the Administration is subject to the~~
 31 ~~authority of the Secretary and, where applicable, the Maryland Transportation Authority~~
 32 ~~AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING~~
 33 ~~BOARD.~~

34 ~~(b) By regulation or directive, the Secretary or, where applicable, the Maryland~~
 35 ~~Transportation Authority may require that the exercise of any power or duty of the~~
 36 ~~Administration be subject to the prior approval of the Secretary [or], the Maryland~~
 37 ~~Transportation Authority, [as the case may be] OR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT~~
 38 ~~ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.~~

1 7-204.

2 (Q) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ~~DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~
3 ~~AND OTHER STAFF AS NEEDED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO~~ PROVIDE STAFF
4 SUPPORT FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND
5 PLANNING BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 [(q)] (R) Subject to the limitations imposed by this title, the Administration may
7 exercise all powers reasonably necessary to the declared objects and purposes of this title.

8 7-205.

9 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND TRANSIT
10 ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.

11 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND
12 PLANNING BOARD.

13 (C) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF:

14 (1) THE FOLLOWING VOTING MEMBERS:

15 (I) FOUR MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE CITY, APPOINTED AS
16 FOLLOWS:

17 1. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF
18 BALTIMORE CITY; AND

19 2. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

20 (II) THREE MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY, APPOINTED
21 AS FOLLOWS:

22 1. TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
23 EXECUTIVE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

24 2. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

25 (III) TWO MEMBERS FROM ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,
26 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

27 1. ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
28 EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY; AND

1 2. **ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;**

2 (IV) **ONE MEMBER FROM HOWARD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY THE**
3 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HOWARD COUNTY;**

4 (V) **ONE MEMBER FROM HARFORD COUNTY, APPOINTED BY**
5 **THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HARFORD COUNTY;**

6 (VI) **ONE MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR**
7 **THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL AND**
8 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; ~~AND~~**

9 (VII) **ONE MEMBER OF THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL**
10 **FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL**
11 **AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;**

12 (VIII) **ONE MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION**
13 **ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED**
14 **BY THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; ~~AND~~**

15 (IX) **ONE MEMBER WHO IS A USER OF COMMUTER BUS SERVICES,**
16 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND**

17 ~~(VII)~~ ~~(IX)~~ (X) **TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,**
18 **APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:**

19 1. **ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE**
20 **SENATE; AND**

21 2. **ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE**
22 **HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND**

23 (2) **THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
24 **DESIGNEE,** AS A NONVOTING MEMBER, EXCEPT THAT THE SECRETARY, **OR THE**
25 **SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE,** MAY VOTE TO BREAK A TIE ON ANY ITEM VOTED BY THE
26 **BOARD.**

27 (3) **WHEN APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
28 **TO THE BOARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(IX) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRESIDING**
29 **OFFICERS SHALL:**

30 (1) **GIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION TO MEMBERS WHOSE**
31 **BACKGROUND AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVE**
32 **TRANSIT-RELATED MATTERS; AND**

1 **(II) ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTEES ENHANCE**
2 **THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE BOARD.**

3 **(4) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

4 **(I) REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD:**

5 **1. AT LEAST EVERY 5 YEARS; AND**

6 **2. WHENEVER A MAJOR INCREASE TO THE CAPACITY OF**
7 **THE TRANSIT SYSTEM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION TAKES PLACE, INCLUDING THE**
8 **OPENING OF THE PURPLE LINE IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S**
9 **COUNTIES; AND**

10 **(II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
11 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
12 **ASSEMBLY, ON ANY CHANGES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES SHOULD BE**
13 **MADE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.**

14 **(D) (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD:**

15 **(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS; AND**

16 **(II) MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

17 **(2) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.**

18 **(3) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY ON THE BOARD, THE APPOINTING**
19 **AUTHORITY FOR THAT MEMBER SHALL APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL THE**
20 **VACANCY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS**
21 **APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

22 **(4) WHEN MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD, THE**
23 **APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER AS A FACTOR IN ASSESSING AN**
24 **INDIVIDUAL'S SUITABILITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAMILIARITY**
25 **AND EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL AND COMMUTER TRANSIT SERVICES OPERATED BY**
26 **THE ADMINISTRATION, WHETHER AS A RIDER OR AN EMPLOYER OF REGULAR**
27 **RIDERS OR BECAUSE OF OTHER EXPERIENCES OR CIRCUMSTANCES.**

28 **(E) THE BOARD SHALL:**

1 (1) ~~ANNUALLY~~ EVERY 2 YEARS, ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
2 FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT THAT THE SECRETARY OF
3 TRANSPORTATION MAY NOT SERVE AS CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR;

4 (2) ORGANIZE AND ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
5 OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING CONFLICT
6 OF INTEREST STANDARDS THAT PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FROM HAVING
7 ANY INAPPROPRIATE FINANCIAL OR NONFINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MATTER OVER
8 WHICH THE BOARD HAS JURISDICTION;

9 (3) NO LATER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE BOARD FIRST MEETS, AND
10 AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN
11 60 DAYS BUT NOT LONGER THAN 90 DAYS, ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN THE
12 OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD;

13 (4) (I) ~~MEET EACH QUARTER AND AS THE BOARD CONSIDERS~~
14 ~~NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES; AND~~

15 (II) RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING AT LEAST TWO OF ITS
16 QUARTERLY MEETINGS EACH YEAR;

17 (5) (I) KEEP MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND
18 MAINTAIN PROPER RECORDS OF ALL TRANSACTIONS OF THE BOARD;

19 (II) POST ALL MINUTES, RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR
20 OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD OR RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC IN A
21 SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON A PUBLIC WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY
22 THE BOARD; AND

23 (III) ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE BOARD
24 THROUGH THE PUBLIC WEB SITE AND VIEW WITHOUT RESTRICTION ALL MINUTES,
25 RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD
26 OR SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BY THE PUBLIC.

27 (F) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-204(Q) OF THIS SUBTITLE, PRINCIPAL STAFF
28 FOR THE BOARD SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

29 (G) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

30 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD;
31 BUT

32 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
33 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

1 (H) IN ADDITION TO ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,
2 THE BOARD SHALL:

3 (1) ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF THE STATE,
4 EXERCISE ~~RIGOROUS~~ OVERSIGHT OF AND ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY FOR THE PUBLIC
5 TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

6 (2) ~~REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRODUCE AND SUBMIT TO~~
7 ~~THE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND EDIT COMMENT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TRANSIT~~
8 ~~EVERY 3 YEARS EVERY 5 YEARS A COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT~~
9 ~~DEVELOPMENT PLAN~~ REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT
10 DEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARED BY THE ADMINISTRATION EVERY 5 YEARS UNDER
11 SUBSECTION (J)(2) OF THIS SECTION;

12 (3) REVIEW ANY REPORT PREPARED BY OR FOR THE
13 ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS GOALS, INCLUDING
14 PERFORMANCE GOALS AND METRICS, AND EVALUATE ANY OTHER MEASURES OF
15 THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSIT SYSTEM, AND ~~THEN MAKE~~ ISSUE WRITTEN
16 RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HOW THE RESULTS OF THE BOARD'S REVIEW
17 AND EVALUATION SHOULD INFLUENCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRIORITIES IN THE
18 COMING YEAR.

19 (4) ANNUALLY REVIEW AND COMMENT ON TRANSIT-RELATED
20 SPENDING PRIORITIES UNDER THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION
21 PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ADHERENCE
22 TO ITS ~~STRATEGIC~~ COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN
23 AND THE POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENT IN ATTAINING THE
24 ADMINISTRATION'S GOALS OR OTHER SUITABLE MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE;

25 (5) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS,
26 PLANS, AND SERVICES PROPOSED BY OR FOR ~~BALTIMORE CITY AND THE COUNTIES~~
27 ~~IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA~~ ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT
28 COMPLEMENT THE TRANSIT PLANS AND SERVICES OF THE ADMINISTRATION;

29 (6) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON:

30 (I) THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL
31 BUDGET; AND

32 (II) SPECIFIC POLICIES AND DECISIONS THAT ARE KEY TO
33 ADMINISTRATION SERVICE QUALITY;

1 (7) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 EACH YEAR, *IN COOPERATION WITH*
 2 *THE ADMINISTRATION*, PROVIDE COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION'S
 3 ~~STRATEGIC~~ COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN,
 4 BUDGET, AND POLICIES TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION
 5 COMMITTEE AND ~~THE~~ FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ~~COMMITTEE ON~~
 6 ~~WAYS AND MEANS~~ APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND ENVIRONMENT AND
 7 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE;

8 (8) CONVENE SUBCOMMITTEES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES
 9 TO GATHER INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING TRANSIT SERVICE FROM
 10 A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
 11 CIVIC FOUNDATIONS, EMPLOYERS, AND TRANSIT RIDERS;

12 (9) AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, PROPOSE TO THE ADMINISTRATION
 13 AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE
 14 ADMINISTRATION PRACTICES THAT PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPARENCY,
 15 ACCOUNTABILITY, CUSTOMER SERVICE, REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH THE
 16 PUBLIC, AND PRUDENT FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING; AND

17 (10) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, COMPILE AND
 18 SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, THE SECRETARY OF
 19 COMMERCE, THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
 20 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT CONCERNING THE
 21 ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRESS IN MEETING THE ~~STRATEGIC~~ COMPREHENSIVE
 22 MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD UNDER
 23 ~~THIS~~ SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (I) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS
 25 SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S
 26 PLANS, BUDGET, DECISIONS, POLICIES, GOALS, PRIORITIES, OPERATIONS, AND
 27 SERVICES ADDRESS THE PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN
 28 ALL OF THE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE.

29 ~~(J)~~ (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT TO THE ~~BOARD AS~~
 30 ~~PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION~~ BOARD AT ITS QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS
 31 PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (E)(4) OF THIS SECTION AND AT OTHER TIMES AND FOR
 32 ANY PURPOSE THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES IT NECESSARY TO DO SO.

33 (2) (1) 1. ~~THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT~~
 34 ~~DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS SECTION~~
 35 ~~SHALL INCLUDE~~ THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL, EVERY 5 YEARS, PREPARE A
 36 COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT INCLUDES A
 37 DETAILED PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S SERVICES, INCLUDING
 38 INFORMATION CONCERNING:

1 **A. EACH MODE OF TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE**
 2 **ADMINISTRATION;**

3 **B. SHORT-TERM, MEDIUM-TERM, AND LONG-TERM**
 4 **GOALS AND PLANS FOR EACH MODE OF TRANSIT SERVICE AND FOR THE TRANSIT**
 5 **SYSTEM OVERALL; AND**

6 **C. NECESSARY FUNDING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**
 7 **FOR ACHIEVING THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRANSIT GOALS.**

8 **2. THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT**
 9 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALSO SHALL INCLUDE:**

10 **A. SUFFICIENT DETAIL CONCERNING THE SHORT-TERM**
 11 **GOALS AND PLANS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO GAIN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF**
 12 **AND COMPLETE AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE**
 13 **ADMINISTRATION'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE; AND**

14 **B. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE**
 15 **BOARD OR DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELPFUL TO THE BOARD**
 16 **IN DISCHARGING THE BOARD'S DUTY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE**
 17 **ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS AND PERFORMANCE.**

18 **(II) IN ADDITION TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN REQUIRED UNDER**
 19 **SUBSECTION (G)(2) OF THIS SECTION COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT**
 20 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE *THE* ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD**
 21 **EACH YEAR:**

22 **1. ANY CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE**
 23 **COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN;**

24 **(I) ~~1.~~ 2. A PERFORMANCE REPORT;**

25 **(II) ~~2.~~ 3. AN OPERATING, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AND**
 26 **SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLAN; AND**

27 **(III) ~~3.~~ 4. A SUMMARY OF ANY AUDIT REPORT RECEIVED BY THE**
 28 **ADMINISTRATION.**

29 **(3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD EVERY**
 30 **~~THREE~~ 5 YEARS:**

1 (I) ~~AN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS~~
 2 ~~SECTION, AN~~ AN UPDATED LONG TERM MULTI-MODAL COMPREHENSIVE
 3 LONG-TERM MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN;

4 (II) AN UPDATED PLAN FOR CORE, COMMUTER, LIGHT RAIL,
 5 AND HEAVY RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE; AND

6 (III) THE RESULTS OF ~~A RIDE ON~~ AN ON-BOARD OR
 7 ON-PLATFORM SURVEY CONDUCTED AS PART OF ITS LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR
 8 TRANSIT SERVICE.

9 7-213.

10 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
 11 COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

12 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
 13 COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

14 (C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE ~~AT LEAST 13 MEMBERS~~ RIDERS
 15 FROM EACH MODE OF TRANSIT OPERATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND WHO
 16 REPRESENT MULTIPLE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.

17 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT NO FEWER THAN THREE
 18 REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANSIT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE
 19 COUNCIL.

20 (3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

21 (I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF ~~1 YEAR~~ 2 YEARS; AND

22 (II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN ~~5~~ 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

23 (4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.

24 (5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

25 (I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
 26 COUNCIL; BUT

27 (II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER
 28 THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE
 29 BUDGET.

1 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL
2 PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.

3 (E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE
4 COMMENTS FROM THE USERS OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE
5 ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE
6 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT
7 ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.

8 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE
9 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND
10 THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES
11 FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

13 (1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;

14 (2) MEET AT LEAST ~~ONCE EACH MONTH~~ QUARTERLY;

15 (3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE
16 USERS OF THE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

17 (4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES,
18 RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL
19 OR RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC IN A SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S
20 WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

21 (G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM
22 AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

23 (2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.

24 (3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE
25 TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

26 7-214.

27 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY
28 COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

29 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE MARC RIDERS
30 ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

1 **(C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE MARC RIDERS FROM ALL**
2 **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE SERVED BY MARC.**

3 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
4 **REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR MARC RIDERS AS A**
5 **MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.**

6 **(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

7 **(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS; AND**

8 **(II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.**

9 **(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.**

10 **(5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

11 **(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
12 **COUNCIL; BUT**

13 **(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER**
14 **THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
15 **BUDGET.**

16 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL**
17 **PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.**

18 **(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE**
19 **COMMENTS FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND PROVIDE**
20 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND**
21 **THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.**

22 **(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE**
23 **MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND**
24 **THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES**
25 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

26 **(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

27 **(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;**

28 **(2) MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY;**

1 **(3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM MARC**
2 **RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY; AND**

3 **(4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES,**
4 **RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL**
5 **OR RECEIVED FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY IN A SEARCHABLE**
6 **DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE**
7 **ADMINISTRATION.**

8 **(G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM**
9 **AMONG ITS MEMBERS.**

10 **(2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.**

11 **(3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE**
12 **TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.**

13 **7-215.**

14 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE ACCESSIBLE**
15 **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT**
16 **ADMINISTRATION.**

17 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE ACCESSIBLE**
18 **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT**
19 **ADMINISTRATION.**

20 **(C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL**
21 **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO USE ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT.**

22 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
23 **REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR ACCESSIBLE**
24 **TRANSPORTATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.**

25 **(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

26 **(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS; AND**

27 **(II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.**

28 **(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.**

29 **(5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

1 **(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
2 **COUNCIL; BUT**

3 **(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER**
4 **THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
5 **BUDGET.**

6 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL**
7 **PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.**

8 **(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE**
9 **COMMENTS FROM USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY**
10 **AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE**
11 **ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT**
12 **AND PLANNING BOARD.**

13 **(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE**
14 **MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND**
15 **THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES**
16 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

17 **(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

18 **(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;**

19 **(2) MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY;**

20 **(3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE**
21 **USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY; AND**

22 **(4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES,**
23 **RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL**
24 **OR RECEIVED FROM THE USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC**
25 **GENERALLY IN A SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE**
26 **ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

27 **(G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM**
28 **AMONG ITS MEMBERS.**

29 **(2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.**

30 **(3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE**
31 **TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.**

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2 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
3 SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
4 ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT
5 AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON:

6 (1) THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROCESS FOR AND PROGRESS ON
7 PREPARING THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN
8 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (J)(2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

9 (2) (I) THE STATUS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARYLAND
10 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD, THE CITIZEN'S
11 ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, THE MARC
12 RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AND
13 THE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND
14 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION; AND

15 (II) RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY CHANGES NEEDED TO THE
16 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCILS, AND TO THE
17 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCILS WITHIN
18 THE ADMINISTRATION, TO IMPROVE THE OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD AND
19 ADVISORY COUNCILS.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members of
21 the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board established under
22 this Act shall be staggered as follows:

23 (1) of the two members from Baltimore City appointed by the Mayor of
24 Baltimore City, one member shall serve for an initial term of two years and one member
25 shall serve and initial term of three years;

26 (2) of the two members from Baltimore City appointed by the Governor,
27 one member shall serve for an initial term of two years and one member shall serve an
28 initial term of three years;

29 (3) of the two members from Baltimore County appointed by the County
30 Executive of Baltimore County, one member shall serve for an initial term of two years and
31 one member shall serve an initial term of three years;

32 (4) the member from Baltimore County appointed by the Governor shall
33 serve an initial term of three years;

34 (5) the member from Anne Arundel County appointed by the County
35 Executive of Anne Arundel County shall serve an initial term of three years;

1 (6) the member from Anne Arundel County appointed by the Governor
2 shall serve an initial term of two years;

3 (7) the member from Howard County appointed by the County Executive
4 of Howard County shall serve an initial term of three years;

5 (8) the member from Harford County appointed by the County Executive
6 of Harford County shall serve an initial term of two years;

7 (9) the member of the Citizens Advisory Council appointed by the Governor
8 shall serve an initial term of three years; ~~and~~

9 (10) the member of the MARC Riders Advisory Council appointed by the
10 Governor shall serve an initial term of two years;

11 (11) the member of the Accessible Transportation Advisory Council
12 appointed by the Governor shall serve an initial term of two years;

13 (12) the member who is a user of commuter bus services appointed by the
14 Governor shall serve an initial term of two years; and

15 ~~(10)~~ (13) the members of the General Assembly, one appointed by the
16 President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House, each shall serve
17 an initial term of three years.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
19 Assembly that the Maryland Transit Administration, when appointing members to the
20 advisory councils established under this Act, include members who have served or are
21 -serving on the existing advisory councils established by the Administration.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

23 (a) On or before December 15, 2020, the Department of Legislative Services shall
24 conduct a review of the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board
25 and the advisory councils established under Section 1 of this Act and make
26 recommendations, including any proposed legislation necessary to implement the
27 recommendations, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environment and
28 Transportation Committee regarding:

29 (1) whether the termination date of the Board and advisory councils should
30 be extended; and

31 (2) what, if any, statutory or nonstatutory changes should be made to
32 improve the operations of the Board and advisory councils, including any changes that
33 should be made to:

1 (i) the membership of the Board and advisory councils relating to
2 geographic representation and other criteria;

3 (ii) the duties of the Board and advisory councils; and

4 (iii) the organizational structure of the Board and advisory councils
5 within the Maryland Transit Administration, including:

6 1. whether the Board and each of the advisory councils should
7 continue to function as separate entities; and

8 2. whether any modifications should be made to the reporting
9 process and requirements that specify the entities to which the Board and each of the
10 advisory councils is to report information.

11 (b) The requirements of § 8-408 of the State Government Article shall apply to the
12 review conducted under subsection (a) of this section.

13 SECTION ~~3~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 ~~October~~ June 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of May
15 31, 2021, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
16 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.